

CURRENT TOPICS.

The News in Brief.

Frederick Frederick went from Berlin to London, on the 26th. He was enthusiastically cheered by the populace. The trip seemed to do him good.

Portugal on July will be celebrated, this year, in the Western coast, by a line of illuminated mountain peaks, even hundreds of miles long. "Red-fire" is to be used in the illumination.

The output for three years of two of the principal copper mines in Japan, comprising some six per cent of the entire Japanese output, was recently bought by the French copper syndicate.

The trial of the celebrated police, Woods, against the *Liverpool Post-Standard*, of London, was decided on the 26th. Woods was found guilty and the jury brought a verdict of one farthing.

C. A. Bess & Co., granite contractors on Grand Avenue, Mo., shut down their works on the 26th, rather than comply with the demands of the workmen for a monthly pay day and a new scale of wages.

Thomas W. Wilson, who was hanged at a jail, N. Y., on the 26th, for wife-slaying, said the night before he was executed, "I am feeling fine, and shall walk to the scaffold an innocent man."

Geo. H. Henson, who was to have been married in Boston, on the 26th, was disappointed in failing to receive his wedding suit on time, that he shot himself, inflicting a wound from which he died the next day.

The Republican of New York City ratified the work of the Chicago convention on the night of the 26th by an immense meeting in the Metropolitan Opera-house, at which Colonel Ferguson was the principal speaker.

Asked, on the 26th, "What do you think of the Republican nomination?" Judge Thurman said in substance that the ticket was a strong one, but could not carry New York, Indiana or New Jersey, and hence could not be elected.

Associate Justice Stanley Matthews, of the United States Supreme Court, delivered the opinion before Yale law school at New Haven, Conn., on the 26th. He commanded close attention and won frequent and hearty applause.

On July 6th H. E. Hupper, William, attended by an attorney, will start on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern for St. Petersburg, where he will remain several days, during which time magnificent fetes will be given in his honor.

Speaking of Emperor William's speech, the London News, of the 26th, finds that no mention is made of relief for the people overtaxed with military burdens, and that the well-being of the people still holds second place to military interests.

United States officers succeeded, on the 26th, in arresting near Wilkesbarre, Pa., Wilson Kline, alias Henry Smith, and Charles Belles, said to have been connected with the robbery of the mail train at New Bedford, Mass., on the 26th. Small post-offices throughout the country.

Valuable discoveries of iron have just been made by Duluth, Minn., on the north bank of the Vermilion range, on the Canadian side of the Minnesota line, a considerable distance east of Tower and Ely, and closely adjoining the international boundary.

Mrs. Bolson, mother of Mrs. George Bolson, who was killed in the explosion at Winderham, on Antwerp, on the 26th, Mrs. Cleveland arrived from Washington at ten minutes to ten o'clock the same evening, and met her mother at the Victoria Hotel.

Accidents of Democratic Senators was held, on the 26th, at which it was decided to insist on the postponement of all matters before the Senate and oppose the removal of the more important appropriation bills.

General Sheridan's children, a number of his staff and servants, the party in all numbering twenty persons, arrived at New Bedford, Mass., on the 26th, and were forwarded by carriage to Newport, where they will await General Sheridan's arrival by steamer.

Secretary of State Bayard has officially called the attention of the British minister resident at Washington to the case of the American ship *Albatross*, which was seized by the customs officials on the Dominion of Canada a year ago and detained for eighty-one days at St. Lawrence.

A secret meeting of the board of trustees of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., on the 26th, Dr. John A. McCarty, president of the college, presided, and the request of the board, to allow the college to be used as a summer school, was granted.

The Treasury Department decided, on the 26th, to allow cattle imported from the Hawaiian Islands for immediate slaughter to be admitted without paying duty, in view of the possible profitable trade in their exportation, and from the fact that no disease is known to exist in the islands.

The two-mile race between the Yale and University of Pennsylvania freshmen crews, was rowed, on the 26th, over the Thames river, near London. The Yale crew, and proved to be the most exciting freshman race pulled there for years. Yale winning after a hard struggle in 11:32. The Pennsylvania time was 11:43.

Porter and Buck, the American burglars, who are wanted in Zurich, Switzerland, for robbery, were arrested at the Bow Street police court, London, on the 26th, where they were identified by the owners of the establishment at Munich, Bavaria, which they robbed some time ago. The prisoners were remanded until the 30th.

Start has been commenced at Chicago by J. B. Mayo and the American Exchange National Bank, against David W. Irwin to compel him to refund the bank shares. The suit is an outgrowth of the celebrated June wheat deal in 1887, which wrecked the Cincinnati Fidelity Bank and H. H. Harper.

The Republican ratification meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 26th, was a justification of very large proportions. About 6,000 people participated in a street parade. After the parade an immense throng assembled and attentively listened to words of cheer by the speakers and passed resolutions of allegiance to the standard-bearers of the party.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

The Senate on the 26th, by a vote of 60 to 37, passed a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the National Academy of Sciences, and to provide for the election of members of the academy.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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PORTLAND NOTIFIED.

President Cleveland formally notified the Senate of his intention to appoint William H. Meyer, of St. Louis, as Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, on the 26th.

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REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE.

The report from the Commissioners of the Land Office, relating to the sale of public lands, was presented to the Senate on the 26th.

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PENSION VETOES.

Report from the Pension Committee of the Senate recommending the passage of certain bills over the President's veto, and discharging the free list of the Army.

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THURMAN NOTIFIED.

The Democratic National Committee made an official call on Hon. Allen Thurman at Columbus, Ohio, on the 26th.

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